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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Cholera in suburbs of Yokohama and at Tokyo—Prevalence of plague at Osaka.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, November 18:

Bills of health were issued during the week ended November 16 to 10 steamships and 1 schooner having an aggregate personnel of 1,141 members of crews and 977 passengers. Of these three vessels the steamships *Candia* and *Kumano Maru*, bound for Manila, and the *Atholl*, bound for New York, were fumigated in whole or in part.

There has been no quarantinable disease reported in this city, but occasional cases of cholera are still occurring in the suburbs and in Tokyo and neighboring districts.

Plague is reported so prevalent in Osaka that the high industrial school in Naganoshima ward and 18 primary schools have been closed.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.—Number of emigrants per steamship *America Maru* recommended, November 20, for rejection: For Honolulu, 10; for San Francisco, 2. Advised to wait, San Francisco, 2; Honolulu, 23. Of these rejections and detentions all were for trachoma.

Report from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Inspection of emigrants—Status of cholera—Smallpox—Plague at Osaka.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, November 15:

Week ended November 9. Five supplemental bills of health were granted to 5 steamers with an aggregate personnel of 1,352. There were inspected 5 vessels, 665 members of crews, and 578 steerage passengers. Manifests were viséed for 82,959 pieces of freight.

There were disinfected 927 pieces of personal effects and 1 piece of freight. Three hundred and nineteen steerage passengers were bathed and held five days under observation prior to embarkation. Their effects were disinfected.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Korea*, for San Francisco, examined 5, recommended for rejection, 1; steamship *Korea*, for Honolulu, examined 365, recommended for rejection, 239; and steamship *Tosa Maru*, for Seattle, examined 44, recommended for rejection, 28.

The emigrants passed, together with 90 intending passengers to Victoria, by the steamship *Tosa Maru*, and 84 passengers to Victoria by the steamship *Kumeric*, were held 5 days under observation prior to embarkation and their effects were disinfected.

The following communicable disease were reported in Kobe during the week: Enteric fever, 6 cases and 1 death; cholera, 17 cases and 5 deaths; and smallpox, 10 cases and no deaths. The total mortality was 178.

Reports from Osaka for the week ended November 2 show 33 cases and 31 deaths from plague, and for week ended November 9, 40 cases and 31 deaths from the same disease.

As the cholera situation here in Kobe is but slowly improving, the restrictions imposed will be continued.